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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *14 December 2007*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *7,8,11,12,14 and 16-25* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *7,8,11,12,14 and 16-25* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *12/14/2007* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- **Page 16, line 20** (of the original specification)**:** regarding the phrase **all types** cited in **line 20**, **Fig. 8** step **S808** refers to **devices** instead of **types**; applicant has amended **lines 16 and 17** on **page 16** so that these lines now cite **number of devices** instead of **number of types**; it is assumed that **all types** should similarly be changed to **all devices**;

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 21 recites the limitation "**the color profile group**" in

line 2. However, claim 19 only mentions **“identifying a color profile”**. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
>
> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 19, 22, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **SASAKI [US Patent 6,633,400 B1]**.

As for claim 19, SASAKI further teaches a resource display method for displaying a color profile

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the color profile information contained in the “printer description file” is stored in a “shared area” which may be viewed by a client apparatus. “The directory DR is shared among the respective client PC’s 30. A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user’s client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a

memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30"; **col. 7, lines 23 – 28.** In addition, each client PC has a "display portion 36"; **col. 7, line 51]**

capable of being loaded into a device having a printing function,

[This color profile information is stored in a "property data storing portion". "The printer apparatus 50 is provided with a property data storing portion 51 consisting of a reloadable memory"; **col. 7, lines 37 – 39**. "The property data is data to set the print property for the print apparatus 50. The print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, *fonts*, print ink, the number or range of reproducible colors, *expansion of the page description language*. The property data involves numeric data, functional data, *conversion formulae, a conversion control program* and the like to set the properties. The printer apparatus 50 converts and prints the print data according to the print property set by the property data"; **col. 8, lines 22 - 32]**

comprising:

a step of acquiring information of a destination device and acquiring types of page description language used for the destination device;

[SASAKI teaches that a client PC can obtain information of a destination device including types of page description language by copying the printer description file. "A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user's client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30"; **col. 7, lines 24 - 28]**

a step of determining types of color profile capable of being loaded for every type of page description language;

[Color profile types are managed and associated for every type of page description language in the abovementioned "property data". A "print description file" is a file that contains "information about the print property of the printer apparatus 50, i.e., print property information is described. The print property information involves, for example, information indicating types and sizes of applicable print paper, *that indicating the number or range of reproducible colors and that indicating types of expandable page description language*."; **col. 8, lines 36 – 42.** In addition, fonts supported by the printer may also be listed in the printer description file; **col. 8, lines 44 - 45]**

a step of identifying a color profile, which is loadable into the destination device, based upon the types of color profile determined and color space information of load target color profile;

[SASAKI teaches that a desired color profile is identified by an application software which uses the color information contained in the printer description file to generate print data. "The printer description file is mainly utilized by the application software such as the above-cited drawing software and the printer driver"; **col. 8, lines 49 – 51.** "The memory portion 34 of the client PC 30 stores a printer driver. The memory portion 34 also stores application software such as word processing software, drawing software and photo retouch software. If the application software is executed by the CPU 31, the print data can be generated and/or output by the client PC 30"; **col. 8, lines 1 - 6]**

and a step of displaying the color profile identified.

[Each client PC has a display portion. "The display portion 15 is a device to display characters, numeric values and images to confirm the data or commands input into the printer server apparatus 10 from the input portion 14 and to check the operation state of the printer server apparatus 10. The display portion 15 consists of, for example, a CRT display or a liquid crystal display"; **col. 7, lines 3 - 9]**

Regarding claim 22, SASAKI further teaches the method according to claim 19, further comprising

a step of managing correspondence between the device and the page description language capable of being interpreted by the device

[SASAKI teaches that the correspondence between the device and a page description language is maintained in the print description file. A "print description file" is a file that contains "information about the print property of the printer apparatus 50, i.e., print property information is described. The print property information involves, for example, information indicating types and sizes of applicable print paper, *that indicating the number or range of reproducible colors and that indicating types of expandable page description language.*"; **col. 8, lines 36 – 42.].**

Regarding claim 23, SASAKI further teaches the method according to claim 22, wherein **the correspondence between the device and the page description language capable of being interpreted by the device is created when a new device is added to a system in addition to the device**

[Fig. 1 illustrates a "printer apparatus" device 50 with a "property data storing portion" 51. Fig. 4 illustrates the function of an "update program" for updating the correspondence between the device and a page description language contained in the print description file. As shown in step 2, the CPU 11 of the print server apparatus 10 "examines the property data of the printer apparatus 50 and determines whether or not the property data has been changed"; **col. 9, lines 32 – 34**. A newly added device, one previously not registered by the print server, could be considered as having property data that has "changed". In addition, updating the print description file for a newly added device would have been necessary in order for a client PC to generate print data. As SASAKI discloses, "The printer description file is mainly utilized by the application software … and the printer driver if the client PC 30 generates print data or outputs the print data to the client server apparatus 10. This is because the print data cannot be

> generated or output to the client server apparatus 10 without using the print property of the printer apparatus 50"; **col. 8, lines 49 - 55].**

As for claim 24, SASAKI teaches an information processing apparatus for displaying a color profile

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the color profile information contained in the "printer description file" is stored in a "shared area" which may be viewed by a client apparatus. "The directory DR is shared among the respective client PC's 30. A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user's client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30"; **col. 7, lines 23 – 28.** In addition, each client PC has a "display portion 36"; **col. 7, line 51]**

capable of being loaded into a device having a printing function,

> **[**This color profile information is stored in a "property data storing portion". "The printer apparatus 50 is provided with a property data storing portion 51 consisting of a reloadable memory"; **col. 7, lines 37 – 39**. "The property data is data to set the print property for the print apparatus 50. The print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, *fonts*, print ink, the number or range of reproducible colors, *expansion of the page description language*. The property data involves numeric data, functional data, *conversion formulae, a conversion control program* and the like to set the properties. The

printer apparatus 50 converts and prints the print data according to the print property set by the property data"; **col. 8, lines 22 - 32]**

comprising:

acquisition means for acquiring information of a destination device and acquiring types of page description language used for the destination device

[SASAKI teaches that a client PC can obtain information of a destination device including types of page description language by copying the printer description file. "A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user's client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30"; **col. 7, lines 24 - 28];**

determination means for determining types of color profile capable of being loaded for every type of page description language

[Color profile types are managed and associated for every type of page description language in the abovementioned "property data". A "print description file" is a file that contains "information about the print property of the printer apparatus 50, i.e., print property information is described. The print property information involves, for example, information indicating types and sizes of applicable print paper, *that indicating the number or range of reproducible colors and that indicating types of expandable page description language.*"; **col. 8, lines**

36 – 42. In addition, fonts supported by the printer may also be listed in the printer description file; **col. 8, lines 44 - 45];**

identification means for identifying a color profile, which is loadable into the destination device, based upon the types of color profile determined and color space information of load target color profile

[SASAKI teaches that a desired color profile is identified by an application software which uses the color information contained in the printer description file to generate print data. "The printer description file is mainly utilized by the application software such as the above-cited drawing software and the printer driver"; **col. 8, lines 49 – 51.** "The memory portion 34 of the client PC 30 stores a printer driver. The memory portion 34 also stores application software such as word processing software, drawing software and photo retouch software. If the application software is executed by the CPU 31, the print data can be generated and/or output by the client PC 30"; **col. 8, lines 1 - 6];**

and display control means for exercising control so as to display the color profile identified on display means

[Each client PC has a display portion. "The display portion 15 is a device to display characters, numeric values and images to confirm the data or commands input into the printer server apparatus 10 from the input portion 14 and to check the operation state of the printer server apparatus 10. The display portion 15 consists of, for example, a CRT display or a liquid crystal display"; **col. 7, lines 3 - 9].**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham* **v.** *John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

> 1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
> 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
> 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
> 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

8. Claims 7, 8, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **SASAKI [US Patent 6,633,400 B1]**.

As for claims 7 and 14, SASAKI teaches a resource processing method for at least adding on and deleting resources capable of being downloaded to a device having a printing function

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 - 19]**,

comprising:

> **a decision step of determining ~~deciding~~ processing of a resource, which is downloadable to a device, in dependence upon the resource to be downloaded to the device;**
>
> **and a changeover step of changing over processing of the resource based upon the result of the decision made at said decision step,**
>
> **wherein, if the resource is a font or form, the processing of this resource is changed over at the changeover step to processing for adding on and deleting resources**
>
> **[**As noted above, SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 – 19.** Furthermore, the "print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, fonts, …"; **col. 8, lines 23 – 25.**

Since printing devices do not have “unlimited memory” for storing font (and form) information, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to *decide* whether to add or delete a font (or form) resource from the printing device.**],**

or, if the resource is a color profile, the processing of this resource is changed over at the changeover step to processing for adding on and not deleting resources

[Color-matching profiles take into account many factors such as ink (or colorant) type, media (or paper) type, and level of print quality, and therefore, a plurality of profiles may exist for a particular printing device.

In a similar manner, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to decide whether to add or delete a color profile supported by the printing device since the device does not have “unlimited memory”**].**

Regarding claim 8, SASAKI further teaches the method according to claim 7, wherein

the resource is at least a font or a form or a color profile

[SASAKI teaches the resource or print property of the print apparatus “involves property in relation to print paper, *fonts*, print ink, the *number or range of*

> *reproducible colors*, expansion of the page description language"; **col. 8, lines 23 - 26].**

As for claim 12, SASAKI teaches a resource processing apparatus for at least adding on and deleting resources capable of being downloaded to a device having a printing function

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 - 19]**,

comprising:

> **decision means for determining ~~deciding~~ processing of a resource, which is downloadable to a device, in dependence upon the resource to be downloaded to the device;**
>
> **and changeover means for changing over processing of the resource based upon the result of the decision made by said decision means,**
>
> **wherein, if the resource is a font or form, the processing of this resource is changed over at the changeover step to processing for adding on and deleting resources**

[As noted above, SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 – 19.** Furthermore, the "print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, fonts, …"; **col. 8, lines 23 – 25.**

Since printing devices do not have "unlimited memory" for storing font (and form) information, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to *decide* whether to add or delete a font (or form) resource from the printing device.**],**

or, if the resource is a color profile, the processing of this resource is changed over at the changeover step to processing for adding on and not deleting resources

[Color-matching profiles take into account many factors such as ink (or colorant) type, media (or paper) type, and level of print quality, and therefore, a plurality of profiles may exist for a particular printing device.

In a similar manner, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to decide whether to add or delete a color profile supported by the printing device since the device does not have "unlimited memory"**].**

9. Claims 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **SASAKI [US Patent 6,633,400 B1]** in view of **THOMAS [US Patent 6,525,721 B1]**.

As for claim 11, SASAKI *does not specifically teach* the method according to claim 7, wherein

> **changeover the processing of resources is performed by changing over an interface screen provided to a user.**

THOMAS teaches a color profile management system. THOMAS displays the color profile *resource* by use of a "graphical user interface" as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. "Exemplary view filters available in the view pull-down menu 18, besides the default filter, are filters for displaying only destination profiles, source profiles, device gray profiles, device RGB profiles, device CMY profiles and device CMYK profiles"; **col. 4, lines 60 – 65**.

Since the benefits of using a graphical user interface (GUI) are well-known, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of THOMAS with those of SASAKI in order to allow a user to either process fonts (or forms) using one type of GUI and process color profiles using another type of GUI.

10. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **SASAKI [US Patent 6,633,400 B1]** in view of **NISHIDA [US Patent Application 2002/0105661 A1]**.

As for claim 16, SASAKI *does not specifically teach*

> **a computer-readable recording medium on which the program set forth in claim 14 has been recorded.**

NISHIDA teaches a server in a printing system that "acquires color space information for each of a plurality of printing units"; **abstract.** NISHIDA teaches that a CPU implements the function of the server by executing a "program recorded on a media disk"; **page 2, paragraph 36, lines 7 – 8.** In addition, the "server 1 is a commonly-used personal computer"; **page 2, paragraph 36, lines 1 – 2.**

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of NISHIDA with those of SASAKI to provide a computer-readable recording medium containing a computer-executable program that implements the method for displaying and managing a printing device's resources since programs for "commonly-used personal computers" are typically distributed in this manner.

11. Claims 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **SASAKI [US Patent 6,633,400 B1]**.

As for claim 17, SASAKI teaches a resource processing method for at least adding on and deleting to resources capable of being downloaded to a device having a printing function,

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 - 19]**

comprising:

> **a reception step of making a selection of ~~select~~ a font or color profile as a type of resource, which is downloadable to a device;**
>
> **and a process step of performing processing for adding on and deleting resources for the device in accordance with a user instruction if the selected resource is the font**
>
> **[**As noted earlier, SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 – 19.** Furthermore, the "print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, fonts, …"; **col. 8, lines 23 – 25.**

Since printing devices do not have “unlimited memory” for storing font information, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to *select a font and decide* whether to add or delete it from the printing device.**],**

or performing processing for adding on and not deleting resources for the device in accordance with a user instruction if the selected resource is the color profile.
[Color-matching profiles take into account many factors such as ink (or colorant) type, media (or paper) type, and level of print quality, and therefore, a plurality of profiles may exist for a particular printing device.

In a similar manner, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to *select a color profile and decide* whether to add or delete it since the device does not have “unlimited memory”**]**

12. Claims 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **SASAKI [US Patent 6,633,400 B1]** in view of **NAITO [US Patent Application 2001/0054088 A1]**.

As for claim 18, SASAKI further teaches a resource processing method for at least adding on and deleting to resources capable of being downloaded to a device having a printing function

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 - 19]**,

comprising:

> **a reception step of making a selection of ~~select~~ a color profile as a type of resource, which is downloadable to a device;**
>
> **and a process step of performing processing for adding on and deleting resources for the device in accordance with user instructions if the selected resource is the form,**
>
> **[**As noted earlier, SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either addition, deletion, or replacement; **col. 9, lines 17 – 19.** Furthermore, the "print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, fonts, …"; **col. 8, lines 23 – 25.**
>
> Since printing devices do not have "unlimited memory" for storing form information, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the

time the invention was made to allow a user to *select a form and decide* whether to add or delete it from the printing device.**]**

or performing processing for adding on and not deleting resources for the device in accordance with user instructions if the selected resource is the color profile.

[Color-matching profiles take into account many factors such as ink (or colorant) type, media (or paper) type, and level of print quality, and therefore, a plurality of profiles may exist for a particular printing device.

In a similar manner, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to *select a color profile and decide* whether to add or delete it since the device does not have “unlimited memory”**]**

SASAKI *does not specifically teach* a form (or macro/overlay) as being a resource.

NAITO teaches a downloader which can download resources to a printer. Resources include “fonts, EUDC (End User Defined Characters), overlay forms, calibration tables, …”; **page 3, paragraph 69, lines 1 – 3.**

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of NAITO with those of SASAKI to include forms, in addition to fonts, as being downloadable resources since having forms remain “resident” in the printer’s memory reduces the amount of generated print data sent to the printer**.**

13. Claims 20, 21 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **SASAKI [US Patent 6,633,400 B1]** in view of **THOMAS [US Patent 6,525,721 B1]**.

As for claim 20, SASAKI teaches a resource display method for displaying a color profile

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the color profile information contained in the “printer description file” is stored in a “shared area” which may be viewed by a client apparatus. “The directory DR is shared among the respective client PC’s 30. A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user’s client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30”; **col. 7, lines 23 – 28**. In addition, each client PC has a “display portion **36”; col. 7, line 51]**

capable of being loaded into a device having a printing function,

[This color profile information is stored in a “property data storing portion”. “The printer apparatus 50 is provided with a property data storing portion 51 consisting of a reloadable memory”; **col. 7, lines 37 – 39**. “The property data is data to set the print property for the print apparatus 50. The print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, *fonts*, print ink, the number or range of reproducible colors, *expansion of the page description language*. The property data involves numeric data, functional data, *conversion formulae, a conversion control program* and the like to set the properties. The printer apparatus 50 converts and prints the print data according to the print property set by the property data”; **col. 8, lines 22 - 32]**

comprising:

a step of acquiring information of a destination device and acquiring types of page description language used for the destination device;

[SASAKI teaches that a client PC can obtain information of a destination device including types of page description language by copying the printer description file. “A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user’s client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30”; **col. 7, lines 24 - 28]**

a step of determining types of color profile capable of being loaded for every type of page description language;

[Color profile types are managed and associated for every type of page description language in the abovementioned "property data". A "print description file" is a file that contains "information about the print property of the printer apparatus 50, i.e., print property information is described. The print property information involves, for example, information indicating types and sizes of applicable print paper, *that indicating the number or range of reproducible colors and that indicating types of expandable page description language*."; **col. 8, lines 36 – 42.** In addition, fonts supported by the printer may also be listed in the printer description file; **col. 8, lines 44 - 45]**

~~***a step of identifying a color profile, which is loadable into the destination device, based upon comparison between the types of color profile determined and color space information of load target color profile;***~~

and a step of displaying the color profile identified

[Each client PC has a display portion. "The display portion 15 is a device to display characters, numeric values and images to confirm the data or commands input into the printer server apparatus 10 from the input portion 14 and to check the operation state of the printer server apparatus 10. The display portion 15 consists of, for example, a CRT display or a liquid crystal display"; **col. 7, lines 3 - 9].**

SASAKI *does not specifically teach*

> ***a step of identifying a color profile, which is loadable into the destination device, based upon comparison between the types of color profile determined and color space information of load target color profile;***

THOMAS teaches a color profile management system. THOMAS displays the color profile by use of a "graphical user interface" as shown in **Figs. 1** and **2.** "Exemplary view filters available in the view pull-down menu 18, besides the default filter, are filters for displaying only destination profiles, source profiles, device gray profiles, device RGB profiles, device CMY profiles and device CMYK profiles"; **col. 4, lines 60 – 65.**

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As an alternate way of displaying a color profile, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of THOMAS with those of SASAKI to display a color profile in a more "user-friendly" manner.

Regarding claim 21, SASAKI *does not specifically teach* the method according to claim 19, wherein

> **the step of displaying displays the *color profile group* identified.**

THOMAS teaches a color profile management system. THOMAS teaches that profiles can be viewed in groups. "Exemplary view filters available in the view pull-down menu 18, besides the default filter, are filters for displaying only destination profiles, source profiles, device gray profiles, device RGB profiles, device CMY profiles and device CMYK profiles"; **col. 4, lines 60 -65.**

Since the benefits of using a graphical user interface (GUI) are well-known, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of THOMAS with those of SASAKI in order to allow a user to process color profiles using a user-friendly GUI.

As for claim 25, SASAKI teaches an information processing apparatus for displaying a color profile

> **[**SASAKI teaches that the color profile information contained in the "printer description file" is stored in a "shared area" which may be viewed by a client apparatus. "The directory DR is shared among the respective client PC's 30. A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user's client PC 30 and

transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30"; **col. 7, lines 23 – 28**. In addition, each client PC has a "display portion **36"; col. 7, line 51]**

capable of being loaded into a device having a printing function,

[This color profile information is stored in a "property data storing portion". "The printer apparatus 50 is provided with a property data storing portion 51 consisting of a reloadable memory"; **col. 7, lines 37 – 39**. "The property data is data to set the print property for the print apparatus 50. The print property of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, *fonts*, print ink, the number or range of reproducible colors, *expansion of the page description language*. The property data involves numeric data, functional data, *conversion formulae, a conversion control program* and the like to set the properties. The printer apparatus 50 converts and prints the print data according to the print property set by the property data"; **col. 8, lines 22 - 32]**

comprising:

acquisition means for acquiring information of a destination device and acquiring types of page description language used for the destination device

[SASAKI teaches that a client PC can obtain information of a destination device including types of page description language by copying the printer description file. “A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user’s client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the printer description file stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30”; **col. 7, lines 24 - 28];**

determination means for determining types of color profile capable of being loaded for every type of page description language
[Color profile types are managed and associated for every type of page description language in the abovementioned “property data”. A “print description file” is a file that contains “information about the print property of the printer apparatus 50, i.e., print property information is described. The print property information involves, for example, information indicating types and sizes of applicable print paper, *that indicating the number or range of reproducible colors and that indicating types of expandable page description language.*”; **col. 8, lines 36 – 42.** In addition, fonts supported by the printer may also be listed in the printer description file; **col. 8, lines 44 - 45];**

~~***identification means for identifying a color profile, which is loadable into the destination device, based upon comparison between the types of color profile determined and color space information of load target color profile;***~~

and display control means for exercising control so as to display the color profile identified on display means

> **[**Each client PC has a display portion. “The display portion 15 is a device to display characters, numeric values and images to confirm the data or commands input into the printer server apparatus 10 from the input portion 14 and to check the operation state of the printer server apparatus 10. The display portion 15 consists of, for example, a CRT display or a liquid crystal display”; **col. 7, lines 3 - 9].**

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> ***identification means for identifying a color profile, which is loadable into the destination device, based upon comparison between the types of color profile determined and color space information of load target color profile;***

THOMAS teaches a color profile management system. THOMAS displays the color profile by use of a “graphical user interface” as shown in **Figs. 1** and **2.** “Exemplary view filters available in the view pull-down menu 18, besides the default filter, are filters for displaying only destination profiles, source profiles, device gray profiles, device RGB profiles, device CMY profiles and device CMYK profiles”; **col. 4, lines 60 – 65.**

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As an alternate way of displaying a color profile, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of THOMAS with those of SASAKI to display a color profile in a more "user-friendly" manner.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 12/14/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to applicant's arguments that SASAKI does not teach

> *If the resource is a font or form, processing is changed over to processing for adding on and deleting resources, or if the resource is a color profile, the processing is changed over to processing for adding on and not deleting resources*

and that neither SASAKI nor THOMAS teach

> *the features of acquiring information of a destination device and acquiring types of page description language used for the destination device, and determining types of color profile capable of being loaded for every type of page description language*

have been considered.

In response to the *first argument*,

> As noted, SASAKI teaches that the "property data is data to set the print property for the print apparatus 50. The *print property* of the print apparatus 50 involves property in relation to print paper, *fonts*, print ink, *the number or range of reproducible colors*, *expansion of the page description language*. The property data involves numeric data, functional data, *conversion formulae, a conversion control program* and the like to set the properties. The printer apparatus 50 converts and prints the print data according to the print property set by the property data"; **col. 8, lines 22 – 32.**

> Similarly, in a *second embodiment*, SASAKI teaches that the "*print property* of the printer server apparatus 210 and that of the printer apparatuses 250 involve properties on print paper size, *fonts*, print ink, *the number or range of reproducible colors*, *conversion of page description language* and the like. The property data involves numeric data, functional data, *conversion formulae, a*

conversion control program and the like to set these properties"; **col. 12, lines 20 – 27.**

With respect to the second embodiment, SASAKI further cites, "there are at least three types of property files, namely, *color profiles*, *font files* and function files"; **col. 12, lines 29 – 31.**

"*Color profiles*" define the "*number or range of reproducible colors*" and are used when converting between color spaces. SASAKI provides an example of matching colors on a user's display with those of printer's output and cites, "The color edit data is data to edit or correct the difference in colors due to difference in the type of the display portion 36 of the client PC 30 and the type of ink or print paper used in the printer apparatus 250"; **col. 12, lines 33 – 36.**

As noted, SASAKI teaches that the "property data C stored in the property storing portion 51 of the printer apparatus 50" may be changed by either *addition, deletion, or replacement* (**col. 9, lines 17 – 19**).

Since printing devices do not have "unlimited memory" for storing font (and form) information, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to *decide* whether to *either* add and delete, *or* add and not delete a font (or form) resource from the printing device based on the amount of memory remaining in the printing device.

Color-matching profiles take into account many factors such as ink (or colorant) type, media (or paper) type, and level of print quality, and therefore, a plurality of profiles may exist for a particular printing device.

For similar reasons, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to allow a user to *decide* whether to *either* add and not delete, *or* add and delete a color profile.

In response to the *second argument*,

As noted, SASAKI teaches that a client PC can obtain information of a destination device including *types of page description language* by copying the printer description file. "A user can, thus, access the directory DR through the user's client PC 30 and transfer (or copy) the *printer description file* stored within the directory DR to a memory portion 34 or the like in the client PC 30"; **col. 7, lines 24 – 28.**

Color profile types are managed and associated for every type of page description language in the abovementioned "property data" which is contained within the *printer description file.* A "print description file" is a file that contains “information about the print property of the printer apparatus 50, i.e., print property information is described. The print property information involves, for example, information indicating types and sizes of applicable print paper, *that indicating the* *number or range of reproducible colors* *and that* *indicating types of expandable page description language*.”; **col. 8, lines 36 – 42.**

Since the “printer description file” maintains a correspondence of the various “property data”, which includes a color profile that indicates “*the number or range of reproducible colors*”, and “*types of expandable page description language*”, SASAKI teaches *“determining types of color profiles capable of being loaded for every type of page description language”.*

Conclusion

2. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter L. Cheng whose telephone number is 571-270-3007. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, King Y. Poon can be reached on 571-272-7440. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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